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FOR AN LCD ) (Date)  
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## AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Further to Applicant's Request for Continued Examination, Applicant submits this paper in response to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2000, and requests that the above-identified patent application be amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 16 and 17 as set forth below:

1. (Twice Amended) A computer display comprising:  
a LCD housing ~~comprising a single, light conducting material;~~  
a light source coupled to the LCD housing;  
a LCD coupled directly to the LCD housing;  
wherein the LCD housing functions as a light pipe for conducting light from the  
light source directly to the LCD and protects the LCD.

16. (Thrice Amended) A computer comprising:  
a display panel;  
first means for generating light for the display panel; and

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panel; and

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